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BROWNSBURG METHODIST---COLORED

Soon after the colored settlement was established at Brownsburg (1870) they petitioned the School Board for a school house and one was built about 1878. It was used for church services until the Baptist church was built in 1902. This church was intended to have been open to all denominations but when it was finished the Methodists found it necessary to build a church of their own so they began making preparations to do so.

The money was raised by public donation and church suppers or rallies. The ones to sponsor the building of the church were: Joseph Wilson, Billie Wilson, Liza Wilson and Melissa Wilson.

The deed for the land was given on October 2, 1903 by Joseph Wilson to William Wilson, Price Graves, Amos Jackson, Amos Crawford, and C. W. Wilson, trustees, for the sum of one dollar a parcel of land containing one acre upon which a church is to be erected within five years from Jan. 1, 1904. In the event that said church is not erected within said five years this conveyance shall be void.

Among other church members were: Charlott Wheeler, Moody Wilson, Louisa Wilson, Roy Wheeler, Belle Wheeler, William Boggs and Mabel Boggs.

The church has hand made seats, a coal stove, an organ and electric lights.

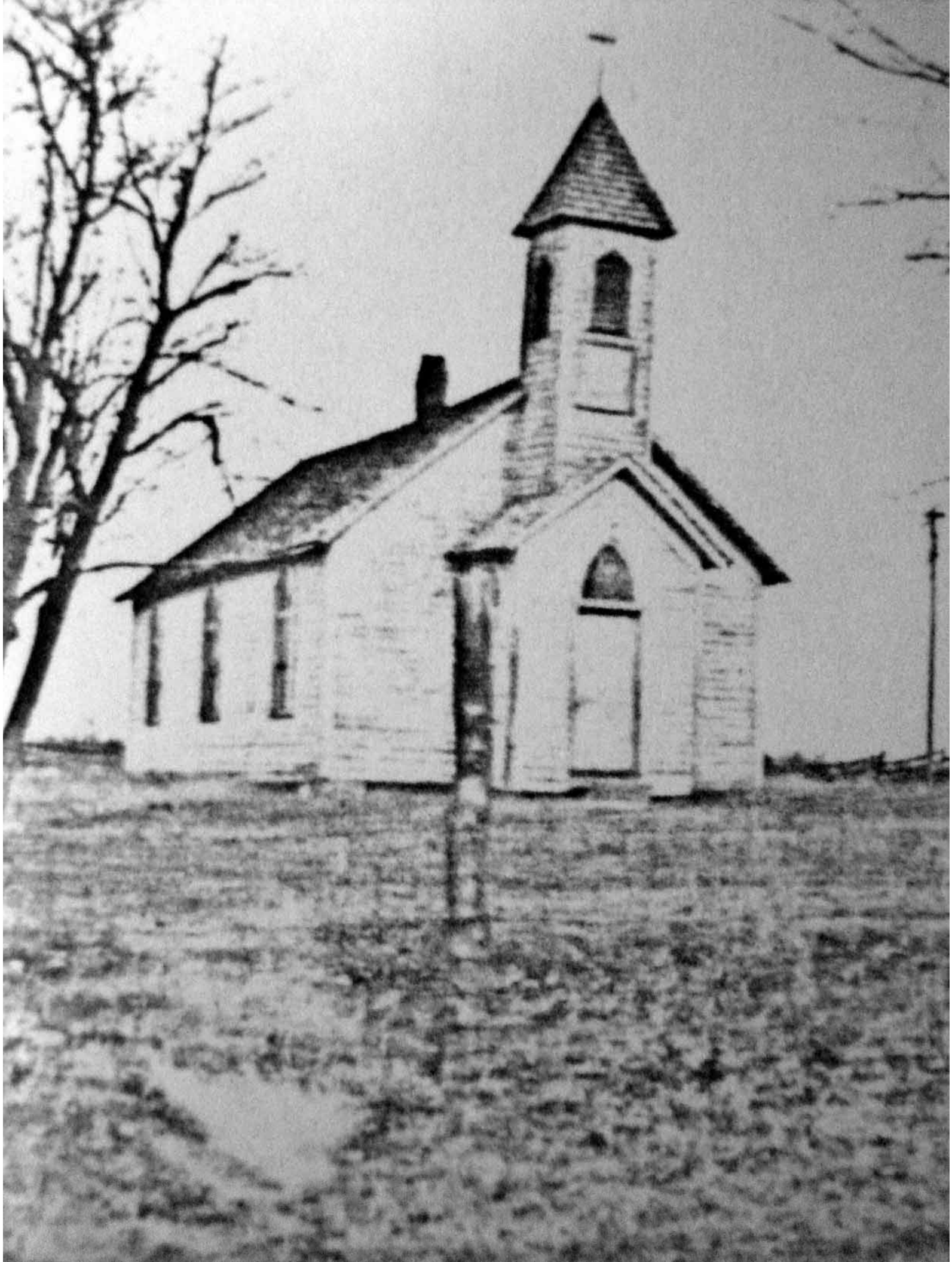
At the time the church was built Brownsburg was rather thickly populated and there were enough people to keep up two churches, but now the older ones have passed away and many of the younger people have moved elsewhere until at the present there are not many to attend either church. For many years the people have attended both churches, going to one in the morning and to the other in the afternoon. The ladies of both churches also belong to the Ladies Aid organization, so that both denominations work together very nicely.

From-- Charbott Wheeler

Belle Wheeler

Deed Book.





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MACEDONIAN BAPTIST CHURCH- BROWNSBURG- COLORED

The first church built in this colored settlement was the Macedonian Baptist Church in the year of 1902.

The deed for the land was given by B. W. Vaughn and Maud E. Vaughn, his wife on March 2, 1907 to Andy Wheeler, J. A. Peters, William Walker and B. W. Vaughn, trustees. .25 acres upon which the Baptist congregation has already erected a church.

Money for building the church was raised by suppers and by subscription. The white folks in surrounding communities, and especially in the town of Marlinton gave money.

This church has a gallery in the rear. It is very much in need of repair at the present time, especially on the outside. There is preaching once a month. Many of the old and loyal members have passed away and the young people gone elsewhere, so that there is now a small class, but this little band of Baptist hope some day to be able financially to repair their little church, and to experience the old revival spirit they have once known.

Other members not heretofore mentioned are: Walter Tibbs
John Walker, Andy Wheeler, William Walker,
Mrs. William Walker, Madison Boggs, Agnes Peters,
James Jackson, Mrs. James Jackson, Jenney Martin, Harry
McDowell, Mrs. Harry McDowell, Angeline Knight, Leve Jackson,
Lottie Boggs, Howard Tibbs, Louisa Tibbs, Mrs. Goodwin,
and Rev. Goodwin.

From--Mrs. William Walker and daughter

